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STORAGE DEVICE

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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6,606,695 and is related to U. S. application Serial No. 09/085,864, filed May 28, 1998.

It is respectfully requested that this information disclosure statement be considered by the Examiner.

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